

LBS East Anglia Ltd Health and Safety Policy

Building sites can be hazardous places, our aim at LBS is to minimize the risks our workforce and clients face wherever possible.

In 2007 a new law was brought into effect specifically aimed at the construction industry called Construction (Design and Management) regulations (CDM).

Whilst it is impossible to remove all risks from the work place, CDM has gone along way to minimize these risks. LBS East Anglia is fully compliant with the regulations and we will be happy to advise our clients on how to fulfill your responsibilities under these regulations.

Here is a brief description of the regulations as supplied by the Health and Safety Executive
CDM 2007 places legal duties on virtually **everyone** involved in construction work.

Those with legal duties are commonly known as 'dutyholders'.

Dutyholders under CDM 2007 are:

Clients - A 'client' is anyone having construction or building work carried out as part of their business. This could be an individual, partnership or company and includes property developers or management companies for domestic properties.

CDM co-ordinators - A 'CDM co-ordinator' has to be appointed to advise the client on projects that last more than 30 days or involve 500 person days of construction work. The CDM co-ordinator's role is to advise the client on health and safety issues during the design and planning phases of construction work.

Designers - The term 'designer' has a broad meaning and relates to the function performed, rather than the profession or job title. Designers are those who, as part of their work, prepare design drawings, specifications, bills of quantities and the specification of articles and substances. This could include architects, engineers and quantity surveyors.

Principal contractors - A 'principal contractor' has to be appointed for projects which last more than 30 days or involve 500 person days of construction work. The principal contractor's role is to plan, manage and co-ordinate health and safety while construction work is being undertaken. The principal contractor is usually the main or managing contractor for the work.

Contractors - A 'contractor' is a business who is involved in construction, alteration, maintenance or demolition work. This could involve building, civil engineering, mechanical, electrical, demolition and maintenance companies, partnerships and the self-employed.

Workers - A 'worker' is anyone who carries out work during the construction, alteration, maintenance or demolition of a building or structure. A worker could be, for example, a plumber, electrician, scaffolder, painter, decorator, steel erector, as well as those supervising the work, such as foreman and chargehands."

CDM if approached with the correct attitude creates a safer working environment for staff and visitors alike.

Not all projects are notifiable, but if yours is we will make sure you are advised of your obligations and arrange for a suitably qualified CDM co-ordinator to represent you.

If your project doesn't require notification we will still offer the same levels of commitment to ensure a safe working environment for you and our staff.